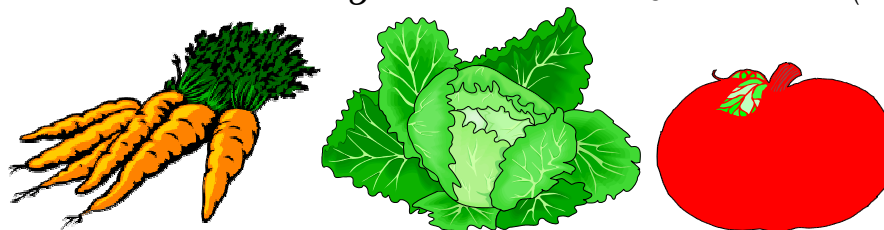


Top 10 Most Acceptable Commodities
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)



PROGRAM	CATEGORY	COMMODITY	# OF ITOS RESPONDED	# OF ITOS THAT CHOSE THIS COMMODITY	PERCENT
FDPIR	MEATS		45		
		Chicken Cut-Up		38	84%
		Beef 1# Frz Fine Ground		36	80%
		Tuna Chunk Lite/Water		33	73%
		Beef Meatball Stew		29	64%
		Meat Canned Luncheon		28	62%
		Beef Canned w/NJ		22	49%
		Ham Cooked Boneless		19	42%
		Chicken Canned		17	38%
	MEAT ALTERNATES	Cheese Process		38	84%
		Peanut Butter Smooth		38	84%
		Beans Pinto		36	80%
		Beans Refried		30	67%
		Peanuts Roasted		25	56%
		Cheese Process Sliced		24	53%

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FDPIR

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			45		
FDPIR	MEAT ALTERNATES	Beans Vegetarian		23	51%
		Beans Great North		18	40%
		Egg Mix		18	40%
		Beans Baby Lima		15	33%
	FRUITS	Peaches Cling Cnd		39	87%
		Apple Juice		37	82%
		Fruit Cocktail		36	80%
		Pears Cnd		34	76%
		Orange Juice		29	64%
		Grape Juice		27	60%
		Applesauce		21	47%
		Pineapple Cnd		21	47%
		Raisins		20	44%
		Apples Fresh		16	36%
	VEGETABLES	Corn Whole Kernel Liq.		40	89%
		Beans Green Cnd		38	84%
		Tomato Sauce		38	84%
		Spaghetti Sauce Meatless		33	73%
		Tomatoes		32	71%
		Peas		25	56%

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FDPIR	VEGETABLES	Potatoes Whole		13	29%
		Carrot Sticks		10	22%
		Carrots Cnd		10	22%
		Corn Cream Cnd		10	22%
	GRAINS/BREADS	Flour All Purpose		37	82%
		Macaroni Elbow		35	78%
		Spaghetti		33	73%
		Cereal Rice		32	71%
		Oats Rolled		30	67%
		Rice Milled		30	67%
		Flour/Bakery Mix		24	53%
		Cereal Corn		15	33%
		Farina		15	33%
		Cereal Oats		13	29%
	OTHERS	Butter		38	84%
		Milk Evaporated		36	80%
		Shortening Veg.		34	75%
		Oil Veg.		32	71%
		Syrup Corn		28	62%
		Milk NFD Instant		27	60%

Top 10 Least Acceptable Commodities
FDPIR

PROGRAM	CATEGORY	COMMODITY	# OF ITOS RESPONDED	# OF ITOS THAT CHOSE THIS COMMODITY	PERCENT
			45		
FDPIR	MEATS	Chicken Canned		9	20%
		Beef Canned w/NJ		6	13%
		Tuna Chunk Lite/Water		3	7%
		Chicken Cut-Up		1	2%
	MEAT ALTERNATES	Beans Blackeye		11	24%
		Beans Vegetarian		6	13%
		Beans Refried		5	11%
		Egg Mix		5	11%
		Beans Great Northern		4	9%
		Beans Baby Lima		3	7%
		Peanuts Roasted		3	7%
		Beans Red Kidney		2	4%
		Beans Red Kidney Lite		2	4%
		Cheese Process		2	4%
	FRUITS	Grapefruit Juice		8	18%
		Prunes		7	16%
		Raisins		5	11%
		Applesauce		3	7%
		Plums Pitted		3	7%

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			45		
FDPIR	FRUITS	Apple Juice		2	4%
		Grape Juice		2	4%
		Orange Juice		2	4%
		Pineapple Chunks		2	4%
		Plums		2	4%
	VEGETABLES	Tomato Juice		7	16%
		Pumpkin Cnd		6	13%
		Potato Flakes Dehy		5	11%
		Spinach		5	11%
		Sweet Potatoes		5	11%
		Carrots Cnd		3	7%
		Corn Crm Cnd		2	4%
		Potato Wedges		2	4%
		Peas		1	2%
		Spaghetti Sauce Meatless		1	2%
	GRAINS/BREADS	Macaroni and Cheese		15	33%
		Cereal Oats		7	16%
		Cereal Rice		3	7%
		Cereal Wheat		3	7%
		Farina		3	7%

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FDPIR	GRAINS/BREADS		45		
		Macaroni Elbow		3	7%
		Cornmeal Degermed		2	4%
		Spaghetti		2	4%
		Cereal Corn		1	2%
	OTHERS	Syrup Corn		6	13%
		Milk NFD Instant		4	9%
		Butter		2	4%
		Oil Veg.		2	4%
		Shortening Liq.		2	4%
		Milk Evaporated		1	2%

New Products Requested
FDPIR

PROGRAM	CATEGORY	COMMODITY	# OF ITOS RESPONDED	# OF ITOS THAT REQUESTED THIS COMMODITY	PERCENT
			45		
FDPIR	MEATS	Frozen Fish		2	4%
		Chicken Noodle Soup		6	13%
		Ground Bison		3	7%
		Canned Pork		5	11%
		More Fresh Meat		2	4%
		Ham		12	27%
		Sardines		1	2%
		Buffalo		1	2%
		Corned Beef		3	7%
		Beef Weenies		1	2%
		Turkey		3	7%
		Salmon		3	7%
		Bison Roast		1	2%
		*Frozen Meats		3	7%
		*Chicken Cut-up		1	2%
		Bacon		2	4%
		Roast beef w/gravy		1	2%
		Chicken Broth		1	2%

*Some frozen meats are currently offered to ITOs by USDA.

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PROGRAM	CATEGORY	COMMODITY	# OF ITOS RESPONDED	# OF ITOS THAT REQUESTED THIS COMMODITY	PERCENT
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FDPIR	MEAT ALTERNATES	Sliced Cheese		2	4%
		Fresh Eggs		2	4%
		Walnuts		1	2%
		*Block Cheese		2	4%
		Beans, Small Red		1	2%
	FRUITS	Strawberries/Mixed Berries		1	2%
		Frozen Fruits		2	4%
		Canned Cherries		2	4%
		**Fresh Fruits		6	13%
		Pear/Nectar Juice		1	2%
		Different Canned Fruits		1	2%
		Dried Cherries		2	4%
	VEGETABLES	Asparagus		4	9%
		Fresh Celery		3	7%
		Tomato Paste		1	2%

*Block cheese is currently offered to ITOs by USDA.

**Some fresh fruits are currently offered to ITOs by USDA.

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PROGRAM	CATEGORY	COMMODITY	# OF ITOS RESPONDED	# OF ITOS THAT REQUESTED THIS COMMODITY	PERCENT
			45		
FDPIR	VEGETABLES	Cucumbers		1	2%
		Cabbage		2	4%
		Frozen Mixed Vegetables		4	9%
		*Fresh Vegetables		5	11%
		Potato Rounds 100# Bags		1	2%
		Olives		1	2%
		Mushroom Soup		3	7%
	GRAINS/BREADS	Bread Flour		4	9%
		Ramen Noodles		3	7%
		Shredded Wheat Cereal		1	2%
		Frozen Bread		2	4%
		Salted Crackers		1	2%
		Hominy		2	4%
		Baking Powder		3	7%
		Cornmeal, Blue		2	4%
		Self-Rising Flour		1	2%
	OTHERS	Cocoa		1	2%
		Tea		2	4%
		Trail Mix		1	2%

*Some fresh vegetables are currently offered to ITOs by USDA.

New Products Requested
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PROGRAM	CATEGORY	COMMODITY	# OF ITOS RESPONDED	# OF ITOS THAT REQUESTED THIS COMMODITY	PERCENT
			45		
FDPIR	OTHERS	Honey		6	13%
		Cream Soups		4	9%
		Salt & Sugar		13	29%
		Coffee		3	7%
		Lemonade/Juice		1	2%
		Casseroles w/ meats in food pkg		1	2%
		Different types of soups - no fish		1	2%
		Maple Syrup		1	2%
		Ketchup		4	9%
		Fresh Garlic		1	2%
		Low-fat Skim Milk		3	7%
		Spices		3	7%
		Mayonnaise		1	2%
		Fresh Salad Mix		2	4%
		Jam		2	4%
		Jello-Sugar Free		1	2%
		*Butter		1	2%
		Canola Oil		1	2%

*Butter is currently offered to ITOs by USDA.

Comments

MEATS/MEAT ALTERNATES

- All the participants are very happy about the frozen meats they receive in their food packages.
- Roasted Peanuts have no taste to them.

FRUITS

- Most foods were acceptable; however, canned fruits should be ordered by “canned” as what you can purchase at the supermarket.

GRAINS/BREADS

- Oat Cereal is too hard and has no taste to it.

VEGETABLES

- Spinach doesn't taste good.

OTHERS

- Canned soups should be ordered in different varieties, i.e. chicken soup, turkey soup, etc.
- Vegetable Oil - highly recommended by doctors; however, the Veg Oil included in their food package should be replaced with Crisco oil, something popular. Veg Oil still heavy when cooking with it, and has the smell, also burns easily.

PACKAGING/DELIVERY

- Mac & Cheese box too big, don't like the cheese; would like a smaller box like Kraft Mac & Cheese.
- Recommendation: Block Cheese needs to be cut and wrapped for safety and sanitation reasons. When it gets hot (weather wise) they stick together. Pear/Nectar drink is recommended by Dialysis clinic, but is low in sugar, so it's good for diabetics too.

AVAILABILITY

- Any food offered for the FDPIR programs should be made available to all programs that participate in commodities.
- A669-Clients enjoyed the frozen hams they received in early 2001. They would like to receive them again, if at all possible.
- Tomato Juice is our only 'diabetic friendly' juice. Would it be possible to receive a reduced-sodium vegetable juice (like V-8)?
- Clients are asking for sugared cereals, also for salt and sugar, if it's going to be added to the food package.
- Clients run out of items before the month is up; they would like to see an increase of butter, frozen beef, cheese, cereal, juices, peanut butter, oil, rice, canned milk.
- Most of the clients are asking about the frozen food items that were talked about before and want to know if that will still happen.
- Other questions asked were: Why is there always a shortage of some of the food items like the fruits/juices? Will we ever get the blue corn?
- Participants would like special bonus items during the holidays, such as frozen turkey, frozen ham, frozen pies, rolls, stuffing & gravy.
- USDA needs to consider people that need sweet/low items for their health.
- The sliced cheese was a very good idea, but the product itself was very bland and dry at times. Clients are taking the product because of convenience of being sliced already. A sliced cheese that is similar in context, like the block cheese, would be preferable.
- A lot of elders, who drink coffee daily, asked why it was not available with commodity food packages.

NUTRITION

- A lot of clients are diabetic, and prefer to stay on the program; however, if some of these food packages can be less salty, and lower the sugar contents.

CAP REPORTS

- There are more food items that are popular but the survey only requests for 10 food products such as the fruit, vegetable, and grain categories.

APPRECIATIONS

- Several recipients say they truly enjoy the program, especially the food demonstrations and introduction to different spices.
- Generally the food package has improved and is well received by the participants.
- B119, Reduced Fat Sliced Cheese-The Land O'Lakes brand we have been receiving has been very, very well received. Clients say the taste and texture are much, much better than before.
- Overall the people who completed surveys were very pleased with the products that they currently receive. Many of the improvements are to the food package and are currently USDA products.
- Butter - included back in their food package. It was good for cooking, and replaced the vegetable oil.
- Participants like the commercial labels; they are not embarrassed for others to see food items in the car or cupboard.
- Households are thankful for the program and have said over and over again that it frees up their money to use elsewhere in their budget, especially large households.